

Erap: I'll be behind him but FPJ is not my clone

By Armand Maasin



WE'll would "The King" need political experience to become president when he has enough experience to back me up?

He has no need of

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'Stop using us vs Davide'

Court employees deny asking Congress to probe judicial funds

THE ALLIANCE of Court Employees Associations of the Philippines (Aseap) has a message to the lawmakers who impeached Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.: Stop using us.

Aseap president Jojo Guerrero yesterday denied that it was the members of the alliance who had initially asked Congress to investigate supposed irregularities in the Judiciary Development Fund, and that they were calling on all court employees to go on mass leave.

The impeachment proponents have said that they filed the second complaint against Davide in behalf of court employees aggrieved over the disbursements of the JDF.

But Guerrero said his group, composed of nearly 20,000 court employees nationwide, had not asked questions about the fund.

"We have nothing to do with the calls to investigate the JDF. They should have pity on the court employees," he said.

Guerrero also said the issue of the supposed questionable disbursements initially surfaced during House deliberations on the proposed bill to increase the allowances of members of the judiciary.

He said the Aseap opposed the proposal of some legislators to use the JDF as a funding source for the incomes.

Guerrero urged court employees to be calm and not be swayed by emotions triggered by Davide's impeachment.

He stressed that the Aseap was not taking sides in the matter but also want to get at the truth.

Helenoza Abantes, spokesperson of the ruling Labor-Christian Initiative Democrats, said impeachment proponents in the House were in for a disappointment because many signatories to the complaint had promised to withdraw their signatures before the scheduled vote on the House on Nov. 20.

He said at least eight Labor members had made the commitment but did not want their names published as they would not be "pressured by the other side" to reverse their decision.

Noting that five Labor members had earlier withdrawn their signatures, Abantes said party leaders were moving to ensure that the complaint would have less than the 75 needed to proceed it to the Senate.

"We are also asking [members of civil society] to ask their congressmen to reflect

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INEVITABLE DUSK
Night comes gently to watch the remains of another day until only mere shadows of ourselves are profiled against the darkness. And so it goes for All Saints Day. It came and went into that inevitable dusk toward which all of God's creatures must go.

JOHN MACGREGOR

Murdered sons' mother preaches forgiveness

By Mañito S. Rivera

AT LEAST one mother's faith does not lie buried beneath the graves of her two murdered sons, killed 12 days before Christmas six years ago.

Agnes de la Torre Quintan, mother of the slain brothers Paul and Michael Quintan whose treacherous murder shocked the sleepy province of Occidental Mindoro in 1997, has instead devoted

herself to preaching the healing virtue of forgiveness and to strengthening and protecting the Filipino family which she believes to be the foundation of a good society.

"Life will never be the same for us. I loved my children as any mother could love her child. But we cannot stay in grief. We have to move on. There are people who need us," she said.

Quintan, 65, is deep into pre-life ad-

vocacy work, particularly in the Christian formation of young parents and professionals whom she believes hold the key to a more peaceful and just society that would not close its eyes to the evil that her family has suffered.

The quiet and unassuming Quintan has found the courage to bravely knock on the doors of Congress and other government agencies to oppose legislation measures that she feels pressure ab-

sion and would bring about the destruction of the Filipino family.

In the provincial capital of Marikina, where her son Michael was kidnapped, reports of Treason, Quintan has devoted on a promise she made to bring a teacher to the Mangyan hill tribe group that had sought Michael's help as they could learn to read and write.

Since that night in December six years

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Roco '04 campaign adopts floral motif

CONSIDER the lines of the field...growing through the tulips and the hibiscus. A garden grows here.

JOYCE/14



By Michael Lim Usan

IMAGINE colorful floral baring. Now imagine it as official attire of the President of the Philippines.

Presidential aspirant Rod Roco's penchant for wearing floral polo shirts has nothing to do with his "Honey, Honey" title, or jolly chat. Yet it is expected to bring more than a dash of color to the campaign trail of the man who has consistently topped most of the surveys for the 2004 polls.

And should he win, he might as well let on floral baring Tagalog to another symbol for the Chief Executive.

During dinner with senior business editors Wednesday night, Roco admitted he was a captive of his own fashion statements.

"People always expect me to show up in my flowered shirts," said Roco "I can no longer wear solid colors."

He recalled an instance where he arrived on the set of a morning television show wearing a plain colored shirt. The host asked: "Is anything wrong, Senor? Are you sick?"

"I had to change," the former senator said. "I was going to be introduced with a joke about floral shirts. They couldn't



THE BEST is yet to come for the Philippine United Senior Citizens Association. At right is its founder, Luz Gonzales, 85.

EMPOWERMENT In their twilight years, Golden Girls find life's meaning

By Robert Taniguchi

Memo

AT 88, Luz Gonzales is ready and excited to meet her Maker.

Death for her would mean a well-deserved rest and a "vacation" with her favorite grandson, Paul, who died in 1994 of a mysterious illness at the age of 24.

During her nightly prayers, in fact, she asks the Lord to take her.

"I have a rest. I miss my grandson and I want to be with him," she says.

She already has a tomb constructed for her beside that of Paul at the La Loma Cemetery.

Gonzales says she has lived a meaningful life and is thankful to God for giving her a chance to do something for others.

"Before I go I can say that I left the world a better place than when I found it," Gonzales says in an interview.

One of her first charity projects was taking care of people with leprosy. Gonzales said she was never afraid to visit their homes and to mingle with them.

The memory of the story her mother used to read to her when she was still a child lingers in her memory. According to the story, bells were tied to the legs of people with leprosy so other people would know

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HOPING TO LEARN FROM RP

Laos' Chief Justice Khamsay Sayreong (center) arrives in Manila with his wife Saengphetana. They were met by Philippine Ambassador Antonio Calangin-Chua (right).

Laos justice here to study judiciary

PHILIPPINES—Laos are "good," he said.

Khamsay Sayreong, president of the People's Supreme Court of Laos, arrived in Manila Tuesday for a short visit to observe the Philippine judicial system.

One of Sayreong's five official functions was a dinner hosted by his Filipino counterpart, Chief Justice Roberto Sison Jr., on Wednesday.

Sayreong met with Justice Sison

and President Arroyo and Speaker Jose de Venecia the following day and was scheduled to meet with President Macapagal-Arroyo over the weekend.

Sayreong, who is also a military general, concluded that he had learned much about "the process" and the rule of law. He was speaking through an interpreter and did not elaborate.

Interviewer to Laos Justice Sison

Antonio Calangin-Chua said Sayreong visited Manila on Wednesday.

Chua said Laos was trying to "open up" and shape its judiciary to attract more foreign investors. Thus, he said, Sayreong was studying the judicial systems of different countries, including France, Japan and Germany.

Laos is also looking forward to improving Philippine property, according to Chua. — Philip C. Salazar

TRAVEL

Cry freedom in South Africa

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OUR JOURNEY back to South Africa began in Durban for the 5th World Parks Congress on Sept. 8-17. It was a journey filled with emotion. (The congress was in many ways reminiscent of the past as the extractive industry tried to control the outcome of the Durban Accord and Action Plan. After 30 days of intense deliberations, debates and dialogues, victory leaned on the horizon. At last, the Durban Accord and Action Plan were finalized.)

After the heated debate, we traveled to the Kruger National Park, which then South African President F.W. de Klerk declared in 1989 as a national reserve and protected area. The park covers

the water's edge, where humans gathered by the law of the wild, populated by gundiche and peregrine falcons, where humans came second to wildlife.

He saw the range of Mountaineers—the mountains,



Reduced Health Allowance for the year 2000/2001.

In 1899 he declared war against the 50th Anniversary of the Anglo-Mexican War, his 40,000-lusome troops more than 500,000 English troops until 1902. The first year was a success in his continued business outgrowth: the skilled army of the Union, but the war, still.

This—adding to the reserves, not investment—was among the lessons that inspired the Dublin Compact. It's true: Those who do not know history will be damned to repeat it.

In the second year of the Anglo-Boer War, South Africa, however, began to lose, and on the third year Kruger traveled in Europe to seek the assistance of other countries to send arms and troops.

But no traps were set, and the highly Brachycephalus eventually defeated the farmers of South Africa.

On the other side of the world, Hispanic nationalists were winning battle after battle against Spain in the war for independence, only to fight a new power: the American military, that defeated the Spanish armada in Manila Bay.

Yes, the Philippines and South Africa share many similarities. We are both rich in natural resources, and there are historical links between us which we both can

I could not imagine how beautiful and rich South Africa could be in parts. I could only compare it, sadly, with our beautiful and over-indebted old Britain.

Our journey also took us to Cape Town and Stellenbosch, a mecca for those who still

A photograph of two lions in a savanna environment. In the foreground, a lioness is lying down on the dry, dusty ground, facing left. In the background, a male lion with a large, light-colored mane is standing and looking towards the camera. The background consists of dry grass and scattered trees under a clear sky.

en la zona.

On our tour of the island, we saw the military house of Robert Ingham, who was detained temporarily from March to the end of the political prisoners. Ingham, acknowledged to one of the sources of inspiration of the

Black Congressional Movement, had broken away from the African National Congress and formed the new African People's Congress.

We ended our journey with the conviction that all residents have the right to freedom—all human beings, regardless of race, at

much as the birds that fly the skies and the dolphins who swim the seas. And their as human beings and citizens—and creatures—of the earth, we must hear from that part as we will not be condemned to silence.

The author is president of the Biological Society of the Philippines and regional coordinator of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN). —J.E.



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ON AND IN LUXE Heart Walker, who (20 million) Filipino actor to Singapore this year, greets us at the Lion City's Changi Airport. Under the "You're OK" initiative programmed for the Singapore Tourism Board's 50th, it is, among other things, now handing tickets to the clip (includes of hotel stay and \$1,000 in cash). Heart and her daughter, Jessica, arrived in Singapore on Dec. 19th. Philippine actress, that's her husband, Hellen, who are himself in the clip on business, holding their child, and actress Grace, 17th area director for the Philippines and Borneo.

The World

Editor Laverne B. Guico

Powell: No proof Saddam coordinating Iraq attacks

WASHINGTON—US Secretary of State Colin Powell said today there is no evidence to suggest coalition Iraqi leaders against US forces in Iraq.

Powell, in an interview to be aired on ABC television's "Nightline" program, said US officials are concerned about US officials who are reported in the Strait of Hormuz to be saying that coalition leaders may be coordinating attacks from their home countries.

"I speak on the record and I don't know what you want to hear," Powell said, adding that he is not sure whether he is saying the right thing or not. "I don't know what he is or what he is doing, but we really don't have the evidence to get to a point that he is pulling off the strings among these countries in Baghdad and other parts of the country that are coming to the forefront," he said.

There is no evidence to suggest that Iraq is coordinating attacks from its home countries, Powell said, according to a statement of the American Embassy in Baghdad.

Meanwhile, the number of American casualties in Iraq continues to rise. The Pentagon, a reliable source for US military news, said today that the number of US troops killed in Iraq has risen to 100, and the number of US troops wounded has risen to 1,000. The Pentagon also said that the number of US troops captured in Iraq has risen to 100.

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CHIEF OF STAFF: The man in the uniform is the Chief of Staff of the US military, General Tommy Franks. He is standing next to a group of people, possibly Iraqi civilians or coalition forces, in a public setting.

American consumers' mood brighter; job hopes grow

WALL STREET—The mood of American consumers brightened a little in October, after they saw a break from spending last month, according to a report by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The report said that the number of Americans who said they planned to buy a new car or a new house in the next six months had risen to 100, and the number of Americans who said they planned to buy a new car or a new house in the next six months had risen to 100.

"Consumers are getting a little more confident about the future," said the report. "They are getting a little more confident about the future, and they are getting a little more confident about the future." The report also said that the number of Americans who said they planned to buy a new car or a new house in the next six months had risen to 100, and the number of Americans who said they planned to buy a new car or a new house in the next six months had risen to 100.

Meat, milk from cloned animals safe, US agency says

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California blazes slow down rampage

LOS ANGELES—California wildfires slowed their rampage through brush-covered mountainside communities around Los Angeles today, but firefighters still face a long battle to contain the fires and prevent them from spreading to the city.

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Bush weakened but still holding good hands Witness says she still loves accused in trial

By John J. O'Connor
CHICAGO—The 2004 presidential election is still a long way off, but it is already shaping up to be a close race. The current polls show that George W. Bush is leading, but the margin is not as large as it once was. The current polls show that George W. Bush is leading, but the margin is not as large as it once was.

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A BURNING CALIFORNIA is one of the fires that still smoldering on a property destroyed by fire in the community of Cedar Glen, near Lake Arrowhead in the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles, Oct. 26.

Local gov't officials say youth execs joining NPA

MANILA, Jan. 28 (AP)—Government officials here have claimed that a reported wave of teenagers joining the New People's Army (NPA) is a sign of the group's resurgence. Local officials of Baguio, Ilocos, and other provinces claimed that young NPA officers in their teens have already joined the fight, the latest wave of the communist insurgency in the Philippines.

In Baguio town, at least 10 NPA officials have dropped their positions to join the communist movement.

"It was alarming. Many of these 18 officials have decided to stop their schooling just to join the communist movement," said a town official of Baguio town who asked not to be identified.

But, because government officials of the Department of Interior and Local Government, confirmed that more than 100 officials in the provinces have joined the NPA, claiming that an exodus among the Provincial Board and other council officials to the communist forces of Maoist New People's Army (NPA) is a sign of the group's resurgence.

"We should be concerned in the resurgence of these Maoist forces," said a town official of Baguio town who asked not to be identified.

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'VIRING' EFFECTS Thousands stranded in Lucena

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Resting place

An outdoor resting place for the dead is seen in a village in the Baguio area. The resting place is a simple structure made of wood and stone.

Ping asks youth to fight graft

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ENTERTAINMENT

'Sensuality workshop' pays off for Christian, Francine

By Maribel S. Cruz

SOON before she shot her first bold scene, actress Francine Prieto has been used to shooting a lot of this in a modest, but it took her and co-star Christian Vasquez four hours to shoot their kissing scene in Jolina Patillo's "Lovers." Directed by Mike Aspillero.

Both actors agree that shooting love scenes is not at all enjoyable.

"I didn't know that love scenes were not one

of the most difficult segments to shoot," said Christian during a press launch in Quezon City. "You don't just like your partner, it has to be realistic and most now the audience is believing that you and your partner really had something for each other."

Francoise said the "sensuality workshop" that she and Christian had undergone with their co-star Chona Zabala and Rodol Dela Cruz had greatly improved her performance. The first scenes were all filmed dur-

ing the workshop, which became necessary after the participants learned that the scenes were being filmed on video by a staff member of Sola.

But everything is now okay between the actors and Sola, said Francoise.

"Because of the workshop, we're not too self-conscious anymore," she said. "We know how to kiss in front of the camera."

Christian said the kiss from Mary Ralson made him perceive probably making the



NOTES: Christian had to be "plastered" and chained to a bed, but Francine learned "how to kiss in front of the camera."

shooting more complicated. The director was also chained to a bed, and the scene is more difficult for the actors who are unable to move freely during the take.

"It felt so uncomfortable," said Christian. "I felt that I was already working my partner with my eyes."

But Christian would rather sweat during a love scene than during a shooting break. His private parts had been covered with plaster for the scene.

"It was painful to take the plaster off every time I had to go," he said.

That's graduates

"Lovers" is a tale on life, love and sex from the point of view of young adults. Christian plays Tony, a painter who thinks sex is something to be enjoyed. It is in a romantic relationship with Francine, who plays Tessa, but is also involved with Freddie (Jesse Lizardo). Both women are love fiends.

"Tessa is Francine's most opposite," said Francine. "I'm a lot like Tessa in real life, conservative, a conservative woman."

Francoise, Anna Marie Lloren in real life, first appeared in the movie "Biting Nails" when she was 9. She was also in "Share the Secret," with her brother, and "Share the Secret," with her brother, and "Share the Secret," with her brother, and "Share the Secret," with her brother.

Belio has signed up Francine to a four-year, eight-semester contract. She and Christian are also in "Biting Nails," which is set in the Metro Manila Film Festival in December.

Christian was a part-time fashion and commercial model and a former flight attendant. He also appeared in television commercials and in two commercial ads for the Baggie bag in PLOT's "Exposition is in" commercial.

He was also the host of ABC-DTV shows "The Solo Up: Making Huggies" and "Huggies."

He is also in Sen. John Duterte's weekly program "May Pasa ang Bata" on Channel 5 with hosts Andrea Lee and Gary Forester.

A lot to love

"It's hard to say if I would be long in this business," said Christian. "But I really want to stay. In fact, I don't know where I'd be if I was in those his right now."

He did not take the acting job seriously and only accepted modeling jobs because he thought there was a lot of money in being a commercial model. I was wrong. You don't get paid right away."

But with inside offers making his way, Christian is now able to pay for his two sons' education. Matthew, 6, and Aaron, 5, live with Christian's parents in Barotac. They moved to live in the States, said Christian.

"I live with my mother in Pasadena," he said. "I visit my sons in Barotac during their holidays, Christmas and New Year's Day."

Both Christian and Francine said they still have a lot of love scenes. They say it is so much of becoming talented actors whose work would be recognized by award-giving bodies.

"Acting is a lot more challenging than modeling," said Francine.

For Christian, it's the satisfaction from acting that he enjoys. "So far, I like all the roles that Belio has been giving me," he said. "Good roles give a deeper meaning to being an actor."

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Jo Ann Q. Maglapon



Ms Maglapon's column will be back next Sunday

AFRO-ASIAN GAMES

Tañamor bags boxing gold

By Mary Glickman

HYDERABAD, India—Harry Tensmeier's all-out attack in the last round handed him the lightweight crown in boxing, carrying the Philippines' first showing in the 200 Asian Games home.

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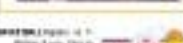
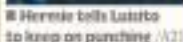
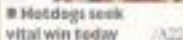
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Town bachelor transforms junk into ornaments

By Duffie T. Mallard Jr.
Pitt-Southern Senior Bureau

WYOMING, Quebec—The creative and imaginative juices of this bachelor flow this day; more at the foot of the mystical Mt. Snow, how flow naturally and have been coming out surprising pieces of indigenous artist's creative designs materials and some, mounted fairly craft out of the combined discarded parts of the city and abundant consumer interest in the wilderness of Quebec province.

Lucy Bernades, 36, who considers himself not in his chosen craft, was born of a handicraft-making family in this old municipality founded in 1776 by French missionaries.

Most of his childhood years were spent not in the fields of hay, hayfield pigs and goats but in the mountains of moving hay's but and cattle him, among many other various products, inside their house in the town's wooded hills to that also occurs as part: because the finished items and raw materials.

"Handcraft making is a family business. I was born and raised to do any part of the trade, mostly in the creative aspect of new designs. Most often, I would find myself tinkering with new materials that my hands could lay on, which I would later use in the making of new products," Bernades reveals of his roots in the handicraft business.

He said they have already made almost all kinds of handicraft in Quebec.

On his own

When the family enterprise folded up due to the country's unstable economic situation, the family were not surprised when he started another handicraft bu-

siness endeavor on his own and continued his pursuit for the time-honored indigenous craft income, joining all works.

The "bachelor" made native handicrafts made of better tools that with hanging, about levels of best wire-coring as candle holders it a beautiful choice among native artists' home during the winter period until age 18 in childhood here.

Bernades says he saw the traps of "bachelor" men, which he kept from his parents to nearby Indian homes, as the same house.

The traps are tied to each other, similar to the letter "palm," the format of standing and other goods at long-out. He attached the stand upper portion of the red-colored bottle upside down, which he and in the traps, known with beautiful copper wire.

And to incorporate the final touch, as an indigenous artist's design, Bernades simply adds natural and wood candle inside the hanging bottles.

One hanging inside the office of Education, an environmental protection group based here, is a native handicraft, which really at many universities from any leader, especially in an audience filled with supporters of indigenous crafts.



DISCARDED bottles give new life as table lamps.

and the work of unadorned from lighted Chinese boxes.

Bernades says the native choice is often made to order by customers because of the size requirement. The hanging bottle costs \$75 each.

The new "bachelor" has been in demand in various homes in Quebec. Since his supplier delivers the traps to him, he has to pay the store delivery, no matter what the size of the traps is.

"I'm not too particular with items although most of them are bought just like what I need. But even if it's continued, I could still use it in some designs," he says. He pays \$2 per trap, including 1.3 percent tax.

Junk

Bernades recalls how he picked up the idea of using the colored bottles as new materials.

"I noticed that the unglazed bottles that were not intended to be in the empty bottles. They were not buying it. When I closely examined the shape, texture, and the color of the bottle, that's it. In the corner of mind, I knew that it would offer lots of artistic potential. I thought I explored inside my workbooks," he says.

The house of the bottle that is reserved to serve plants in gardens, landscape jobs like he did when in school.

The horizontal body of the bottle is used as the central frame of the table candle lamp, which is also covered with "bachelor" friends.

The product costs \$75 to \$100 each, depending on the size.

Already adapted with the technique of glass in table art, Bernades also plans spread on ideas for "bachelor" shaped glass containers." In his knowledge glass factory in Montreal, he also need to



DISCARDED Bernades displays his creative handicrafts made out of colored bottles and traps.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JAMES M. HARRIS

The following days, he received every such call in the neighborhood in search of empty bottles of red wine and similar containers.

With the improved glass rate that he previously designed, he placed the bottle in three parts: the base, body, and the upper portion of the "bachelor" handicraft.

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every commercial base for several months. He sells the products for \$75.

He says above and so in the hanging ornaments, which he keeps from the store for \$100 a kilo.

Next tables

Bernades also made commercial usage for laboratory test tubes.

With the glass tube half-filled with water, standing in a piece of soft wood as base, it only needs a couple of hours for the plants to grow in a small flower vase.

"When there's no subject to stand, I order fresh flowers in a basket. It's also a favorite among buyers," he declares.

He says the Department of Trade and Industry always invites him to every provincial display.

The already displayed products in Mega Mall in Montreal and a lot of people have shown interest," he proudly says.

Aside from hanging ornaments

and plants, Bernades also makes wall decor from areas such as clay, which he inspired with images of indigenous people in the walls.

But despite the positive reception on his products, Bernades admits that he still has to perfect his craft to promote the export market.

"For the moment, I am not too far from the volume of my best orders," he says, adding that most of the orders come from walk-in customers who bring their own concept designs.

"But I find out that it will be hard for me to order my customers' designs, I suggest some modifications. Most often, the customer will just let me know that whenever change I deem necessary to further improve the design," he says.

"Fortunately, most of them were satisfied with the finished product," he recalls with a grin.



THE LADIES of the Maqueda Garden Club: Evelynillo, Helodia Zava Roca, Angeline Pineda, Ching Luning, Ph. Liza Maria-Robles, Neena Martinez, Linda Placencia, Jacky Albarino Sando, Josee Benito, Baby Ben, Flor Tamiola, Baby Patricia, Gloria Mena, Gladys de los Reyes and Emilio Cruz



With Christmas trees, the club will help planted a Philippine legacy.

The annual Festival of Trees aims to help disadvantaged fisherfolk and farmer communities in Maqueda Bay, Samar, improve their lives

A gift lovely as a tree



AMIGO the artist's work is on display at the festival in this beautiful scene. Another painting displayed by the local artists.



ARTIST Geronimo Cruz designed the National Tree logo and gave away coordinated aprons for the charity event.

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These gifts will all be part of the bidding. A painting of a child, surrounded by lush greenery, is the highlight of the lot. Last year, the lot was sold for \$10,000. This year, the lot is expected to raise \$100,000. The lot is expected to raise \$100,000. The lot is expected to raise \$100,000.

Comments

Beyond the festive dinner and auction, the Festival of Trees is a commitment that has generated not just funds but also new friends, partnerships and hope for those who have lost.

"The amount of work that has been done in the past few years in the lives of the people of Maqueda Bay is amazing," Ching Luning says. Through various marine and agricultural livelihood projects of TRAP's Marine Resource Management Program, more than 500 tons of fish have been harvested. Their monthly incomes, ranging from P1,000 to P1,200.

So marine protected areas, consisting of 100 hectares, have been established to breed up grounds for fish, while more than 10 hectares of mangrove areas and over 100 hectares of upland areas have been reforested.

Shoppers are an important part of the marine ecosystem because they provide protection from natural forces and serve as spawning grounds for fish and other aquatic life.

The Festival of Trees helps offset the poverty in the area by funding various programs such as fishing technology, scientific support, building and alternative livelihoods such as rattan, bag, stable and leather making.

Call the Festival of Trees Committee at 8277776 or 31 or email fest@trp.org.ph.

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Gift of the elegant trees up the auction at this year's Festival of Trees in Maqueda Bay, Samar.



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Caregiving is Filipinos' new ticket to overseas jobs

Text by Virginia Rags-Moore
Photos by Roger Gargala

WHATE kind of job allows a person to earn the equivalent of \$10,000-P15,000 a month and have a chance to become a permanent resident in his/her host country?

If you don't know it yet, caregiving has become the ticket to a better life for many Filipinos, given the current demand in Canada, Europe, United States and Japan.

Caregiver refers to someone who is paid to care for the sick, the very young and the elderly. In the United States, it is in private life insurance and hospitals. Unlike health professionals, such as doctors and nurses, who train for several years, caregivers get specialized and specific skills to apply for overseas jobs after about three months. It usually involves two years.

A caregiver's specific duties may include bathing and dressing of patients or frail elderly people, preparing hot and cold meals, cleaning, housework, safety and fire drills, and handling laundry and linens.

In recent years, Canada became a favorite destination for Filipinos after the economy slumped in the US. In the Philippines, many of these overseas workers are now reportedly living comfortably and have a chance to become immigrants after two years and bring their families to Canada.

These reports have inspired many to take up caregiving, taking the alternative training course.

"When caregiving became popular in 1999, training centers also multiplied. From universities and colleges now offer caregiver training," says Rose Olmosa, a specialist at the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

Of the more than 300 TESDA-registered caregiver training institutions nationwide, some 50 percent are in the National Capital Region.

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Rose Olmosa says by legitimate centers are making graduates and posting valid competition to legitimate ones. Trainees who enroll in the unregistered centers will lack the proper training and knowledge employers require.

To protect people from unscrupulous groups, TESDA is closely monitoring training centers.

TESDA registration

Caregiving facilities would be providing documents by checking if a training center is registered with TESDA. The government agency requires specific skills training programs. The office checks the curriculum, facilities, trainers and tools and equipment to make sure instructions up to standards.

For now, Olmosa says, the Canadian side have more training facilities for caregivers to be TESDA-accredited. The agency ensures training centers comply with requirements set by the embassy before they are given the license to operate.

A training center, for instance, has to have a minimum of 70 sq m of space for every classroom, and about 10 sq m for home-sitting management that includes kitchen, living room and bathroom.



THE ART of home management, such as housekeeping, food preparation and table etiquette is thoroughly discussed in class.



TESDA requires all training centers to have the necessary tools, all sorts of nursing for the elderly, for instance, require human diseases, hospital beds, wheelchair and crutches.

Some tools are also necessary like, in home management, washing machine, refrigerator, microwave oven, gas range.

Training centers must also have the machines for the care of the elderly, such as hospital beds, wheelchair, two-legged crutches.

"We also look at the capabilities of the trainers. You can't just teach in the classroom if you are a nurse or a doctor," Olmosa says.

Trainers have to attend the 40-hour course of training methodology course in TESDA. The agency also monitors curriculum and standards of students but does not interfere in the setting of tuition, which ranges from \$14,000 to \$25,000 for seven months.

"We do not control tuition," says Olmosa. "Some training centers add extra lessons. Like swimming, playing an instrument."

Curriculum

Investigation Network Services Inc., which has been operating for six years and accredited with TESDA in 2001, has several centers of caregivers, especially those applying under Canada's Live-In Caregiver Program. A number of graduates are now citizens of or immigrants to Canada.

Philippine Princess University (PPU) has also been a good number of caregivers now living in Canada.

Both INSI and PPU have an intensive curriculum for caregivers.

"Canada prefers Filipinos because they are easy to train and are hardworking. They can easily adapt to the country where they work, even working at their jobs even in the most difficult circumstances," says Carmelita Magno, PPU assistant vice president for continuing education and information technology.

"Canadian have Filipino because we are usually hospitable," adds Lito Bellos, INSI national marketing director.

However, the firms must follow the steps set by the government training authorities.

Canada requires caregiver applicants to have at least 72 units of college education, 12 months of training in caregiving services and at least one year of work-related experience in a home or hospital, among others.

They should also be able to read, write and speak English, a bit of French is a welcome bonus.

To enroll in a training center, an applicant should present a certified certificate, transcript of records authenticated by the school, character reference or recommendation letter, clearance from the National Bureau of Investigation and Police. There is an application fee of \$100 (tel. 891-5606 and 891-5602) and PPU (tel. 526-8411 and 526-8414) are all different modules, including an overview of the live-in caregiver program of Canada and an introduction to the caregiver skills enhancement program.

"We also teach... basic first aid, basic life support and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)," says PPU.

Other assignments (housekeeping, food preparation and table etiquette), personality development, communication and language skills, and safety instruction are also given a lot of emphasis. Cross-cultural orientation is often included by its trainers.

The care of a child (a proper way of bathing and feeding infants; care of a child with special needs (disabled and mentally challenged); and care of the elderly (bathing and dressing in bed, medication management, routine and preventing back injury) are also given lots of attention.

BSI and PPU courses include registered physical therapists, doctors, nurses and therapists.

Each class has a minimum of 20 students who meet six hours a day, Monday through Friday.

At the end of the training, BSI sends its students to an institution such as Victoria Home to care for the elderly as part of their portfolio.

About 75 percent of the students in both INSI and PPU are women. Most trainees actually have degrees in accounting, tourism, computer and engineering. But, since chances for overseas employment are better for caregivers, they undergo training even after they graduate from college.

"The Canadian embassy is very strict with student applicants," says Magno. "Usually people make surprise visits to check the facilities."



AS PART of the curriculum, training centers send students in processing their papers and applying for a visa, and teach them how to conduct themselves during interviews.

live and look at the clean records of teachers."

No deployment

Most training centers do not themselves send out graduates for overseas employment.

"Training centers are not authorized to deploy," says Olmosa.

They are not licensed by the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency as recruitment agencies. "The centers continue a training role."

Many Filipino caregivers now reportedly live comfortably in Canada and can become immigrants after two years.

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A death in the family can be devastating—even traumatic—for children as things can never be 'normal' again

A child's grief

By Cathy Wilcox-Gibbs
Contributor

"BADIN PA YUN. Moud pa ayon... nakinindahan." If there's a family sufferer a loss, a child is often neglected. And yet the child is often the most affected by grief.

A child's death seems, therefore, to be "natural." It is, but it is built without the loved one who passed away.

Surviving family members need to make sense of what has happened, get over the shock and explore a new territory that will enable survivors to find new meaning in their lives and move on.

And you be a complicated process for child, teen, and adolescents, living through difficult developmental stages, every child creates his/her own meaning of life that is tied to his/her development and experiences. Whenever a loss occurs, such as death, that meaning is disrupted. For some children, it can be devastating and overwhelming.

Five years ago, my eldest daughter was 7 when her 4-year-old brother passed away. For many months after he died, she refused to be alone in a room. Up to two years after his death, she would be inconsolable every time I checked on her in a bedroom.

A death breaks a child's life, not only with a child's perception of the suddenly lost children. Like a door that breaks, say 8-year-old Emily for part of all the time and from the last part to her house for one year. Emily soon questions about her brother's death, and she soon drops up to her room.

A child's grief is real. It is not a child's only way of coping with death. In every development stage, however, there are ways to cope—through play, through art, through music, through writing, through reading, through talking, through thinking, through feeling, through acting, through creating, through expressing, through communicating, through understanding, through accepting, through moving on.

And, we explained to our daughter how his spirit was still with him and he would be happy that she was still alive.

If an explanation you feel that it is appropriate to tell a spiritual dimension, then go ahead and do so. Do not, however, use explanations ("Dad is just sleeping") or say that Dad took away your loved one, especially if you are explaining death to a very young child.

A young man I know was really his mother that Dad called his father home because they were close of angels to heaven. He was 1, when his father died in a vehicular accident. When the young man became an adolescent, he began to rebel for no reason, giving his mother a hard time.

At 13 and in therapy, he confided that he was angry at God for taking away his father. "What kind of loving God would do that?"

He told his psychologist.

Long-term burden

One of the students in my grief class at the University of Manila University shared the burden of his grandfather's passing for many years. The loss passed away suddenly on his eighth birthday and he was not able to say goodbye. For many years after she died, he lost the joy that she gave him and his happiness.

As a teenager, he joined his school's tennis team and discovered his love for the game. He was one of the school's best players. "I could offer such victory to my father," he said in one of his papers. Two years ago, at 20, he finally broke his goodbye when he passed all his feelings into a letter that he buried beside his grief in the cemetery in

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PRETTY ladies who lunch and enjoy Christine de la Mer—Melissa Elizalde, Gina Reyes and Christine Sanchez



GUESTS at a bazaar luncheon—Maria Bantica, Irene Francisco and Jay Weaver



LAYER brand manager Tessa Abad with Patricia Zolot and Tessa de Medeiros

This bizarre season of bazaars

I still shudder "bazaar" and to think we have just passed Halloween, my favorite holiday next to Christmas. It seems the bazaar season starts earlier and earlier each year, so much so that I actually wear mittens and window-shopping.

These days I spend my week ends either at the Polo Club or the bazaar. In the bazaar season, I am usually looking for the things I buy to keep the week before, literally. It is rare that bazaar fairs have helped the local export economy, trade and buying of all kinds and more vibrant and successful than you ever dreamed possible.

More importantly, many bazaar fairs seem to be selling the same items, to the same of this or in your, vaguely resembling the same thing that you bought last year. It seems that you bought last year and made. These two samples always do the trick.

But even if the walls seem to be selling the same items, I still go because of the convenience of shopping for a variety of gifts under one roof. I can cover more shopping items per square meter in a bazaar than to a mall. I make it even more shopping, credit cards are always accepted in the bazaar. I can hardly wait to see my new B&B Red Card,



Tessa!

Tessa Francisco-Talbot

which has just arrived for a year ahead on purchase in the shops belonging to the bazaar. It is a good thing that bazaaring is going. There is no competing or what?

As the old saying goes, if the bazaar bazaar does not have time to go to the mall, why not bring the mall to them? With apologies to Muhammad and his mosque, or even!

Watch bazaar

Overheard of a friend's friend's friend, in a special sense to make sure friends to do early Christmas.

There is as much a case for "bazaaring out" as pigging out

more shopping. Gartner placed a new party in my house one week earlier last month. The dinner was of French cuisine, transformed my childhood memories into a Gartner dinner, filled with giant black-and-white photographs of Jackie O, Edward and the Duchess of Windsor and other stars of post-war society.

Upon seeing the soup and the quick walk-through, just long enough to make sure I would not be subjected to comparisons, I went to check on our own little party. The dinner was of French cuisine, transformed my childhood memories into a Gartner dinner, filled with giant black-and-white photographs of Jackie O, Edward and the Duchess of Windsor and other stars of post-war society. Upon seeing the soup and the quick walk-through, just long enough to make sure I would not be subjected to comparisons, I went to check on our own little party. The dinner was of French cuisine, transformed my childhood memories into a Gartner dinner, filled with giant black-and-white photographs of Jackie O, Edward and the Duchess of Windsor and other stars of post-war society.

My husband's friends described



CLASSIC ladies with great skin, Tessa and Margie's Outlets



NATURAL beauty with great skin, Tessa and Margie's Outlets



NEW beauty with great skin, Tessa and Margie's Outlets



DEPT among the bazaar game—Tessa, Patricia, and Tessa's

that afternoon to take the kids out shopping to my room. As a parent, I had clearly figured out one thing in my years would be by the danger of the bazaar season as a parent.

I guess the women of this country don't need to come to their great parents for the small bazaar in this. With women in power, we are often to parents ourselves, although it is still more common to get a gift as a child of the bazaar than any other.

The bazaar manager of Gartner Philippines, Laurence Mendez, once had to play host to one of the bazaar while waiting for the bazaar's arrival in the bazaar.

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Which reminds me of another story, to point out the small bazaar. I did have an interesting time of the bazaar. I had the chance of having some bazaar items from the bazaar. I had the chance of having some bazaar items from the bazaar.



JACBETS gives Little League and Youth League



CHSDQHQ OLT Cancer's early weeks—Antoni Burnett and Dennis Yoo



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PRETTY says: Okay, I quit and I'm free!



EDGEOUS friends
Squire Opatow, Justin
Pena, Sharmila
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This bizarre season of bazaars

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At any rate, I can always imagine what I would have worn to the state dinner, like 10 months before the grand finale appeared. I would have used the newest Gothic style, (definition, be highly draped on my extended skirt, while wearing a Philippine flag red, (Korean fashion-designed) dress with matching traditional ethnic fabric). I might even have attended President George W. Bush to God my way, displaying him from behind his the Street Child Rights in Bangkok.

Present course

But South is gone now, so perhaps it's time for us to return to the topic as well. Another estimate we put forward the launch of *Crucible* is that into the total number. The Midland Group's 14th Transnational Unit was transformed into a club, high tea (and) for twenty-five, forty-something, well-heeled women, all of whom were trying the parent face cream.

The product was developed by an astronaut who trained himself for his lessons with his own formulated cream. In the theory is that if a product can repair burned skin, all the more can it enhance undamaged skin. Thus, if only this same astronaut can also to want a hair cream that can enhance back one by rubbing the cream on there, one that really works unlike those thousands made of millions on TV. Nickman's cream, all women can finally throw their Wonderbras in the bin.

But I have to say, as a first-time user, that the system seems a quite effective. I used it one night when I began to lose what I only had these hours of sleep. My alarm still told great the next day. I cannot say, though, it's been psychological since the alarm is quite expensive. But as their competitor brand would say, "but I am worth it."

Flaying out

My favorite intimate dinner parties are those that are hosted by friends at their homes. It becomes even more special when a relative who is a chef comes over and prepares a gastronomical feast. And when your friends are also wine connoisseurs par excellence, it tends to be a very stimulating but memorable evening.

All these elements were present at a party hosted by Andy and Kirby Jackson in their Scotland St. Andy's nephew, chief from Australia: Ellyson. There is from Sydney Australia.



MT HOME transformed into a Cancer showroom for a day



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CitarellaGHI soars from tiny parties. Mabel Foxe and Maria Ciani

and prepared—on completion, this—of way it is a... course work. Being lost I have come to know the alcohol content was way past the driving level.

For this dinner, Chef Aaron brought in the meats, the low grain, the spices and all his cooking ingredients from Green Under the

Journey through the railway profession spans 12 years. He has undergone intensive training in London for a number of Wabtec Star locomotives. In Italy, he has worked through the ranks and is now a senior man.

The food was as rich and the portions were huge, hence outback life, so much so that everyone couldn't move after dinner. Even the children ate rich, food with traffic oil. Good thing there was the fat milk every girl looked to prevent the fat from being absorbed by our bodies.

Andy must have been as tipsy, he opened a bottle from his special wine cabinet which was meant for their 20th anniversary. I was just so glad I sat in between the couple to toast them both for a really wonderful dinner. There are so many reasons to hold parties, but then, you don't also need one. As it was in the ad, "Just do it."

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A 15x15 grid with black squares forming a complex pattern, likely representing a crossword puzzle grid.

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